

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**April 23, 2007**  
**REGULAR SESSION**

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council, following the 5:15 p.m. closed session, was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, April 23, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Robert Snyder presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER**

By **MOTION** adjourn to a Closed Session under Government Code section 54957:

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Title: Police Chief

**ROLL CALL:**

**Council Members Present:** Kevin Hanley, Keith Nesbitt, Bridgett Powers, Robert Snyder (arrived 5:36 p.m.)

**Council Members Absent:** J. M. Holmes

**Staff Members Present:** City Manager Robert Richardson, City Attorney Michael Colantuono, Community Development Director Will Wong Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi, Public Works Director Jack Warren, Engineering Division Manager Bernie Schroeder, Administrative Services Director Andy Heath

**REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

No reportable action.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Snyder presented a Proclamation for Youth Temperance Education Week to Clarella Marriott and Shirley Michaeli, representatives of the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

## AGENDA APPROVAL

No changes requested.

### 1. **Warrants**

By **RESOLUTION 07-42** approve Warrants # 66034 – 63315 totaling \$673,427.28.

### 2. **Agard/Oakwood/High Street Intersection Traffic Signal Project**

By **RESOLUTION 07-43** authorize the recording of a Notice of Completion for the High Street, Agard, Oakwood Traffic Signal Project.

### 3. **Weed Abatement – Declare Public Nuisance**

By **RESOLUTION 07-44** declare Public Nuisance of certain properties within the City of Auburn identified as containing weeds, rubbish, and/or debris.

### 4. **Ordinance for Amendments to Certain Time Limits- Redevelopment Plan for the Auburn Redevelopment Project – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Waive full reading and adopt **ORDINANCE 07-04** to repeal prior Ordinance No. 07-02, eliminate the time limit to incur debt and extend the time limit on the effectiveness of the Redevelopment Plan and the time limit to receive tax increment.

\*\*\*\*\* End of Consent Calendar \*\*\*\*\*

By **MOTION** approve the Consent Calendar. **MOTION: Hanley/Nesbitt/ Approved 4:0 (Absent Holmes)**

### 5. **Public Comment**

Loy Ferrari, 1430 Auburn Ravine Road, Auburn, stated she felt Ashford Park should remain a multi-use park. She said that current park users should not be displaced and that there are other areas that could be utilized. She gave the Council some written information regarding the item.

Council Member Hanley clarified the previous Council action related to the dog park. He stated that the Council had approved a letter in support of a dog park to the Auburn Recreation District (ARD) that did not recommend any specific area.

## REPORTS

### 6. City Council Committee Reports

No reports.

## COUNCIL BUSINESS

### 7. Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades and Sewer Rates

Public Works Director Jack Warren introduced the item and explained the resolutions that the Council was asked to adopt. He provided a brief review of the study and its conclusions. He stated that in order to meet the Regional Water Quality Control Board requirements, the wastewater treatment plant must be modified. He advised that there has to be a rate increase to finance it. He recommended that connection fees be a phased increase over a four-year period.

Council questions and discussion followed.

Dan Sokol, 1330 Deerwood Place, Auburn, asked if we will be participating in a future regional plant after expending these monies for the city's wastewater treatment plant. Warren responded that what is likely to happen is the California Regional Water Quality Board will issue new, more stringent requirements five years after the city meets this requirement. He said the city will not be forced to connect to the regional system; it will be left to the city to find its own solution. Council discussion followed.

Sokol questioned why the rate could not be based on water consumption per hook-up. City Attorney Colantuono stated that the city does not use any type of water consumption data for measuring water consumption. He advised that since we are not a water utility, the city does not have easy access to bills. Colantuono advised that the city could establish a cooperative relationship with the water provider. The mayor asked if there is a jurisdiction that used that technique, he would be interested in knowing about it. Colantuono explained the various way jurisdictions handle water billings. Sokol stated that use of the reserve would be justified. He said this expense should reduce the reserve to an absolute minimum that will carry the cash flow.

- A. By **RESOLUTION 07-45** preliminarily accept a sewer rate analysis and direct staff to give notice of rate increase proceedings pursuant to proposition 218. **MOTION: Powers/Nesbitt/Approved 4:0 (Absent Holmes)**

- B. By **RESOLUTION 07-46** adopt procedures for receiving and tabulating protests against sewer rate increase under Proposition 218. **MOTION: Powers/Nesbitt/Approved 4:0 (Absent Holmes)**
- C. By **RESOLUTION 07-47** authorize and approve the use of up to \$1,000,000 in sewer reserves for the upgrade of the City of Auburn's Wastewater Treatment Plant. **MOTION: Powers/Nesbitt/Approved 4:0 (Absent Holmes)**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Snyder, without objection, adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m to a Joint Session of the Auburn Urban Development Authority and the Auburn City Council.

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Robert Snyder, Mayor

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Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

Minutes transcribed by Anne M. Cooley, Deputy City Clerk